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SUBJECT: STEEL RESOLUTION: PARTICIPATION BY NON-
OECD COUNTRIES

1. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARIAT ITS PLANS
FOR THE FINAL STAGES OF ESTABLISHING THE STEEL
COMMITTEE. PREPARATION OF DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION IS
NEARLY COMPLETE, AND SECRETARIAT EXPECTS IT TO BE
ISSUED TO ALL DELS, AFTER APPROVAL BY WOOTTON AND
SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP, AROUND THE END OF THE
MONTH. AT PRESENT SECRETARIAT DOES NOT PLAN TO
CONSULT WITH BIG THREE OR ANY OTHER DELS BEFORE
ISSUING TEXT. IN SEPTEMBER SECRETARIAT WILL HAVE
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OR ALL HEADS OF
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DELS, AND TEXT WILL OF COURSE BE REVIEWED BY STEEL
GROUP.

2. STEEL RESOLUTION WILL BE ANNEXED TO DRAFT
COUNCIL DECISION, AND DECISION ITSELF WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY EXPLANATORY NOTE. ON KEY ISSUE OF
PARTICIPATION OF NON-OECD COUNTRIES, SECRETARIAT

HAS TOLD US DRAFT DECISION WILL PROPOSE THE
"NEGATIVE CONSENSUS" METHOD OF COUNCIL OVERSIGHT
DESCRIBED IN REPORTING OF LAST MEETING OF STEEL
GROUP. EXPLANATORY NOTE WILL PROBABLY ALSO MENTION
AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE THE MORE TRADITIONAL METHOD
OF REQUIRING POSITIVE CONSENSUS BY COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH
IN THIS CASE NON-PARTICIPANTS IN STEEL COMMITTEE
WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING. DECISION TEXT
WILL NOT MENTION LIST OF COUNTRIES TO BE INVITED
BUT WILL REFER TO CONSENSUS THAT A LIMITED NUMBER
WILL BE INVITED.

3. COMMENT: WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF NON-
MEMBER PARTICIPATION, MISSION BELIEVES IN END THIS
MAY BE A DELICATE NEGOTIATION. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN
WHETHER "NEGATIVE CONSENSUS" IDEA, WHICH IS A RATHER
TRANSPARENT DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY BY COUNCIL, IS
ACCEPTABLE TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. IN ANY CASE,
THIS IS INCREASINGLY SEEN AS A POLITICAL
RATHER THAN A STEEL OR ECONOMIC ISSUE, AND THUS WILL
PROBABLY BE DECIDED BY FOREIGN MINISTRIES RATHER
THAN ECONOMIC MINISTRIES AND, IN THE CASE OF THE
EC, BY THE MEMBER STATES RATHER THAN THE COMMISSION
(USEC COMMENT ON THIS POINT WELCOME). THUS US WILL

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HAVE TO MAKE THE CASE FOR THE ROLE WHICH WE WANT THE COUNCIL TO PLAY ON THIS QUESTION TO MFA OFFICIALS INSTRUCTING OECD PERMREPS, INCLUDING PERHAPS THOSE IN EC MEMBER STATES. FOR ITS PART, MISSION WILL HAVE TO LOBBY WITH LOCAL PERMREPS WHOM MINISTRIES MAY BE ASKING FOR ADVICE ON THIS ISSUE, AND WILL NEED INSTRUCTIONS TO DO THIS.

4. ON AN UNRELATED POINT, SECRETARIAT HAS RAISED QUESTION WITH MISSION WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE MORE PRECISE CONSENSUS, EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL, AS TO WHAT TERMS "STEEL" AND "STEEL INDUSTRY" MEAN BEFORE STEEL COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WITH RESPECT TO THE INITIAL COMMITMENTS, WHERE WITHOUT SOME AGREEMENT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE COULD CLAIM THAT AN ACTION IT WAS TAKING DID NOT COME WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S PURVIEW. COVERAGE OF MONITORING SYSTEM MIGHT BE TAKEN AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF WHAT PRODUCT SCOPE STEEL COMMITTEE IS INTENDED
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